

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated **February 12, 2004**. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner raised objections to the drawings particularly with respect to FIG. 10.A and reference numerals 60, 12, 30, 16, and 18. The Examiner also objected to the specification due to the lack of reference in the specification to FIG. 10.A.

Applicant wishes to affirmatively assert that the claims herein are directed to one embodiment of the invention and are not directed to either the or a preferred embodiment as indicated within paragraph one of the Final Office Action dated February 12, 2004.

In The Drawings:

Attached replacement drawing sheet 21 includes changes to FIG. 10.A. Replacement sheet 21 replaces original sheet 21 including FIG. 10.A. In replacement sheet 21, the element identifier numeral 60 has been removed. In addition, a general reference to element number 12 has been added. Further, previously identified element 12 has been changed to reference numeral 14.

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In the Final Office Action in paragraph 1, the Examiner objected to the description of the invention for the failure to add reference to FIG. 10.A. Applicant has amended the specification to include reference to FIG. 10.A. Applicant believes the amendments to the specification herein comply with the requirements of the Examiner.

Next the Examiner objected to FIG. 10.A. pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) with respect to reference numerals elements 60, 12, 30, 16, and 18. Applicant has amended the drawing herein. Support for reference numerals 12, 30, 16, 18, and 14, herein is provided within the specification at minimum on page 25, in lines 1-5.

Applicant believes that the support identified herein overcomes the objections as identified by the Examiner.

Next the Examiner rejected claims 33-37, and 42, and objected to claims 38-41 and 43-64 pursuant to the non-statutory double patenting rejection in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,424,269. Applicant has enclosed herewith a terminal disclaimer related to U.S. Patent No.

6,424,269. Applicant believes that the terminal disclaimer enclosed herein is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). Applicant believes that the terminal disclaimer enclosed herein fully responds and complies with the requirements of the Examiner.

Applicant has submitted this amendment which merely adopts the Examiner's suggestions, presents claims in better form for consideration on appeal, removes issues from appeal, or only requires a cursory review by the Examiner in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the present application with claims 33-64 is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes that the amendments to the specification and drawings herein fully comply with the requirements identified by the Examiner within the Office Action dated February 12, 2004. Reconsideration of the drawings and specification as amended herein and the claims as presented is respectfully requested. Applicant contends that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims, specification, and drawings and issuance of a notice of allowance herein.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

In the event that the Examiner has any questions concerning the enclosed amendment and remarks, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, facsimile, and/or E-Mail to move this case to early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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